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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR

MANAGING THE ROUTING OF PACKETS

OVER A HYBRID COMMUNICATION

NETWORK

Examiner: M. Jagannathan

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated May 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.